

Homework Assignment 5 in MATH 308-Spring 2016, Regular section
due March 9 , 2017

Topics covered : *mechanical vibrators (section 3.7); use that the gravitational acceleration $g = 32\frac{ft}{s^2}$; Euler equations (section 5.4 pages 272-274), the method of reduction of order (section 3.4); Introduction to systems of first order equations (section 7.1), multiplication of matrices (section 7.2)*

1. (a) A mass weigh 8 lb stretches a spring $\frac{8}{3}$ in. Assume that there is no damping. If after this the mass is pushed 4 in up and then set in motion with downward velocity of 4 in/s, determine the position u of the mass at any time t . Find the natural frequency, the period, the amplitude, and the phase of the motion (you can use calculator to determine the phase).
- (b) Assume that in the case of the spring-mass system of item (b) there is also a damping and we can change the damping constant. What is the critical damping constant?

2. Find the general solution of the following equations:

- (a) $28x^2y'' + 25xy' - 18y = 0, \quad x > 0;$
- (b) $4x^2y'' - 8xy' + 9y = 0, \quad x > 0;$
- (c) $x^2y'' - 13xy' + 113y = 0, \quad x > 0.$

3. It is known that the equation

$$y'' - 4ty' + (4t^2 - 2)y = 0$$

has a solution $y_1(t) = e^{t^2}$. Use the method of reduction of order to find the general solution of this equation.

4. Transform the given equation into a system of first order differential equations:

- (a) $u'' - \arcsin(t^2)u' - 8 \cos u = -t^4$
- (b) $y^{(3)} + 12 \tan^2(t^3)y' - (2 - 4t)y = 0$

5. Express the given system of linear differential equations in matrix form:

- (a)
$$\begin{cases} x_1' &= 4x_1 + 8x_3 \\ x_2' &= 20x_2 - 18x_3 \\ x_3' &= 5x_1 - 13x_2 \end{cases}$$
- (b)
$$\begin{cases} x' &= (t^3 - 5t)x + \ln(3t^2 + 1)y - \cos(t^4) \\ y' &= -(t^2 - 3t + 2)x + 6 \sin(2t)y + 20 \end{cases}$$